

NICARAGUA CANAL PARTY.

Advises From President Miller and His Friends at Greytown.

HENRY M. STANLEY FIERCELY ASSAILED.

The Explorer Charged With Gross Misrepresentation—Grip's Deadly Work—Metropolitan Matters.

NEW YORK BUREAU, RICHMOND DAILY TIMES, APRIL 13, 1891.

Cable advices from Greytown, Nicaragua, dated April 2, were received to-day by the general manager, stating that President Warner Miller and the party of engineers and business men, who are inspecting the canal line and progress of the work thereon, had reached the summit of the "divide" which separates the Atlantic drainage from that of the river San Juan. All the members of the party are reported in excellent health.

The steamer Columbia landed at the barge office this morning 636 immigrants, all of them Italians. Besides these, three other steamers landed 850 immigrants from Hamburg, 687 from Liverpool, and 932 from Havre.

STANLEY ASSAILED. Colonel Bacon has received a copy of the letter sent to King Leopold, of Belgium, by Colonel G. W. Williams, in which the latter makes serious charges against the Government of the Congo Free State, and Henry M. Stanley is also assailed. He says that Stanley has grossly misrepresented the character of the country, and that the explorer is remembered, with a shudder, for his severity by the natives.

Grip's DEADLY HAND. Forty-five persons have died of the grip in this city within the forty-eight hours ending at noon to-day. But while the epidemic of this mysterious malady continues apparently unabated, the healthy authorities apparently that at present hold on the community will soon be relinquished.

For about fifteen years there has been a colony of Mormons in Brooklyn. They have been worshipping in a hall. Six years ago the church was incorporated and is now quite a flourishing body, and intends to build a temple.

THE NEW YORK PRESBYTERY. The spring meeting of the New York Presbytery was begun this morning.

Dr. George L. Shearer, secretary of the Tract Society, was chosen moderator of the convention. In the nomination of representatives at the General Assembly, to be held in Detroit next month, Rev. Dr. Briggs, of the Theological Seminary, was nominated by the Rev. Mr. Conklin as a representative, without any opposition, but a resolution was at once offered to appoint a committee who would try him for heresy. Dr. Charles S. Robinson said that unless some member of the Presbytery wished to speak in opposition to the resolution the vote should be taken without further debate. "If there is a man on earth," said Dr. Robinson, "who deserves fair treatment on our hands, that man is Dr. Briggs."

THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED. The resolution was then adopted without a dissenting voice, and the committee will investigate Dr. Briggs and report at the meeting of the Presbytery in May. The following is the committee appointed: Rev. G. W. F. Birch, Rev. J. L. Lampe, D. D., Rev. Henry VanDyke, D. D., Rev. J. H. Melville, Rev. Jesse F. Forbes, Ebers, Professor J. J. Stephenson, Walter Edwards.

The opposition to Professor Briggs was not sufficiently strong to defeat his election as a commissioner delegate to the General Assembly. The choice of the Presbytery as commissioners was the Rev. John S. Kane, J. H. Kerr, E. N. White, Professor C. A. Briggs, J. L. Lampe and C. H. Parkhurst.

THE FARNELLETS ENVOYS. Mr. James O'Kelly, M. P. of Mr. Parnell's delegation, arrived in this city yesterday from the West. He was in conference with his three colleagues, Messrs. Redmond, O'Connor and Harrison, to-day. They will commence immediately mapping out a programme of their future movements. It is their intention to make a trip throughout the country, and to present to the public as strongly as possible the reasons why Mr. Parnell clings to the leadership. Mr. O'Connor left to-day for the East to arrange for meetings. Mr. O'Kelly will probably leave to-morrow for Connecticut. Mr. Redmond and O'Kelly will speak in Albany before the adjournment of the Legislature.

Mr. Harrison, in consequence of ill health, will remain in New York for some time, and be secretary of the conference. Mr. Parnell's sympathizers in Brooklyn have engaged the Grand Opera House for a reception to the delegates on Sunday evening, the 20th instant.

PHENOMENAL VIRGINIA NEGRO.

The ossified man, Lucius Monroe, who is forty-one years old, and weighs fifty-seven pounds, mostly bone, is now at the New York Hospital undergoing repairs. The strange phenomenon of humanity is a negro from Virginia. He travels around on a cot about four feet by two with sides supposed to be high enough to prevent him from rolling off. He is accompanied by his manager and a negro nurse named "Mose." Mr. Charles Smith, his manager, had him on exhibition in Waterbury, Conn., recently, and brought him on to New York the other day. On his arrival at the Grand Central depot he was taken in an express wagon to his lodgings at No. 227 Grand street. While being carried up stairs he was scarcely able to move. Monroe is very cheerful, and does not seem to be aware of an experience of hospital life for a change.

MIL AND MRS. ASTOR.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who have only recently returned from their wedding trip, left to-day for Philadelphia. They will remain at Mrs. Astor's parents' house while in the City of Brotherly Love. With many persons well known in society for fellow-seekers, Mr. and Mrs. Astor will sail for Europe on the 22d of this month in the White Star steamer Majestic. They will remain abroad until October. Mrs. Astor will probably be presented at court during the summer. Among the friends on board will be Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, who, after a few days' stop in the British capital, will cross over to Paris, where they will be the guests of the United States Minister and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, at their house on Hoche avenue. Mrs. Reid is a sister of Mr. Mills. Mrs. Wilson will also be on the same ship, off for a visit to Mrs. Michael Henry Herbert, who was Miss Belle Wilson, and who has been living abroad since the Christmas holiday season. The letters, too, are to sail on the Majestic. Miss Lettice, whose younger sister will probably come in for a share of attention in London next summer, is well known in many houses in the West End, where, through the influence and kind offices of Sir Charles Hall, she was graciously received.

WALL STREET NOTES.

There is no doubt that the miners will strike to enforce the eight-hour working day. They offered the operators a guarantee that the cost of production should not exceed that under the present system. On May 1st miners in the Pittsburgh, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and West Virginia fields will quit work or strike for the eight-hour day, and will be supported by the funds of the miners, the American Federation and the Knights of Labor organizations. The production of coal in these districts will be diminished at least 65 per cent. Ohio, West Virginia and some Indiana railways will be affected.

Earnings—Chesapeake and Ohio First week of April, 1891, \$145,850; 1890, \$137,333, increase, \$8,517.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

A fine portrait of the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Grace church, is in the spring exhibition at the Academy of Design, and hangs in the corridor on the right of the staircase.

The history class conducted by Miss Jane Welsh, and organized under the patronage of Mrs. Grover Cleveland, will meet to-morrow afternoon at Mrs. Secretary Whitney's house. Mrs. Delaney Kane and Mrs. George Place will be the invited guests.

A reception under the auspices of the National Temperance Society was tendered to Archbishop John Ireland at the Metropolitan Opera House this evening. Addresses of wel-

come were delivered by the president, the Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, ex-Judge Noah Davis and the Rev. Walter Elliott, to which the guest of the evening responded.

May 9 will be the anniversary of the consecration of "old St. Mark's," on the Bowerie, which occurred in 1799. During this period the church has had six rectors, the present, the Rev. Dr. Rylance, having held the position since 1869.

BARON HIRSCH WILL CONTRIBUTE.

Baron Hirsch, the renowned financier and philanthropist, will contribute at an early date an article for the North American Review. He will explain the principles which have animated him in the distribution of his princely philanthropies. His views have special pertinence at the present time, because of the important discussion on the "responsibilities of Wealth," which is being carried on in the pages of the Review by such eminent authorities as Cardinal Gibbons, Professor Ely, Bishop Potter, Hon. Edward J. Phelps, and the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.

SAM HOUSTON'S INDIAN WIFE.

The Romantic Story Told by a Venerable Squaw.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, who has been making a tour of the reservations of the Kiowas, Comanches and Wichitas in that part of the Indian territory adjacent to the Panhandle, made the acquaintance of "Granny Houston," a venerable Indian woman who claims to be the widow of General Sam Houston, the Texas patriot.

"We were ushered," says the correspondent, "into a small wigwam, in the center of which sat the oldest living representative of the Southwestern tribes, a small, shriveled creature, whose skin resembled a bag of leather, but whose eyes contained a surprising luster, considering that she had reached her one hundred and ninth year. She extended her hand when we entered, but did not attempt to rise from the well-worn blanket upon which she rested. Granny Houston is influential among the Wichitas, and makes 'cheap good medicine,' although it is pretty generally believed that she is Cherokee by birth, and was adopted in her youth by the hostile Wichitas, who carried her off one of their raids."

"At my desire, Cora Caruth, a full-blooded Wichita maiden who has been educated in the East, piled the old lady with questions and interpreted the answers for our benefit. From Cora's interpretation we framed the following story, commencing from the time that 'White Moon,' as she was then called, says she met the Texas patriot when camped with the tribe on the Canadian river, close to the present site of Webster's Falls."

"The bravest were over in Texas. A big hunt, and White Moon was in front of the old chief's wigwam stretching and otherwise curing a various assortment of hides and furs for her father. The head chief was a great hunter, and kept his only daughter in constant employment. One forenoon, when thus engaged, a large white boat, containing one white man and three Cherokees, landed within a few paces of White Moon. The former was dressed in buckskin, and had long hair and bright eyes. When he observed the girl he left his companions, and smiling upon her, addressed her in Cherokee."

"The other savages then came forward to greet the strange Indians, and soon cooked a large meal of turtle and deer meat which the visitors appeared to thoroughly enjoy. After eating, White Canoe, as he was called by his Cherokee comrades, placed a gold chain around White Moon's neck and called her his little wife. Two days afterward the white man took the Indian girl in his boat on a hunting and fishing trip."

"But there was a rival to White Moon's hand in the person of Little Wolf, a scrupulous savage. The old chief, to settle the dispute in a peaceful manner, and anxious to keep on friendly terms with the young warrior, who had great influence in his tribe, made the following proposition, which was in every respect unfavorable to White Canoe."

"Each contestant was to go to war alone against the Cherokees, with whom the Wichitas were at variance, and the first who returned with the enemy's scalp and arrows would then and there wed the chieftain's daughter. Little Wolf yelled with triumph; he knew that White Canoe would not be likely to take a scalp even under the circumstances. White Canoe remembered to have passed through a settlement of Cherokees some weeks previous, among whom he had observed various war trophies captured from the Cherokees and Arkansas. He rode directly to the point and purchased a full paraphernalia, including what he afterwards represented to the old chief as a dead Indian's war horse. Before the return of Little Wolf, White Moon and White Canoe danced on the bull-hide and were united."

"Granny Houston then told the story of their wedded bliss, how they passed many moons together—White Canoe hunting and fishing, while she made a home for him in their wigwam. But this Eden was suddenly broken into by white strangers, who told Houston of the outrages of the Mexicans on his people, and leaving his cattle and skins in her possession, he rode south to fight in the war of Texas independence."

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